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## **WYOMING DISTRICT OFFICE**

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### **SBA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

**Casper** - The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking nominations for the Minority Small Business Person of the Year for 2003. An eligible business must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by either a Black American, Native American, Hispanic American, Asian Pacific American, or Subcontinent Asian American.

Factors to be considered when making a nomination include: The firm must be in satisfactory financial condition; show a growth in total sales and a growth in net profit; growth in full-time employees or employment of the disadvantaged. A nominee should indicate their participation in community projects or charitable organizations. Consideration will also be given if the nominee has overcome obstacles or adversities in their business history or have a unique product or service.

SBA, in partnership with public and private sector small business supporters, will sponsor special activities honoring the nation's Minority Small Business Entrepreneurs during Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) in September. For additional information about how to submit a nomination, contact Jeffrey W. Sneddon at the SBA, P.O. Box 2839, Casper, WY, 82602, or telephone (307) 261-6515. Nominations should be submitted **no later than June 6, 2003**.

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